

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0014] with the following amended paragraph [0014]:

[0014] According to the invention, it is thereby important that the size of the individual bubbles or cavities in the foam formation is determined by the selection of the distance of the feed pipes from one another and, as known *per se*, by the geometric embodiment of the pipe ends projecting into the molten metal in accordance with Austrian patent application 936/2001, ~~the disclosure of which is hereby expressly incorporated by reference in its entirety.~~ Advantageous conditions for a similar formation of the bubbles and a desired formation speed for the formation can be created in this way.